

## **United Church of Marco Island**

### **Mark Bible Study #18: Tuesday, May 14th at 10AM**

#### **Mark 14: 1-42 “The Betrayer Approaches”**

#### **Introductions**

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How do the mood and activities change from what takes place in verses 1-9 to what takes place in verses 10-42?
2. What different motives are present in the conflict that arises at the home of Simon the leper?
3. How might Jesus’s own teaching have prompted the response of the objectors?
4. The woman’s act is an act of worship. What light, if any, does this incident shed on the competing claims for beauty in worship and concern for the poor?
5. During the Passover feast, Jesus told the disciples that one of them will betray him. What do you think they were feeling as they responded to his announcement?
6. According to 22-24, what are the bread and cup of the Lord’s Supper to symbolize?
7. In verse 27, Jesus predicts that his disciples will desert him under pressure. How do you empathize (or fail to empathize) with Peter’s assertions in verses 29-31?
8. Explain the meaning of verses 35-36.
9. In verse 34 and 38, Jesus encouraged the disciples to watch and pray so that they do not fall into temptation. What particular temptations were they about to face and how might prayer have changed the outcome?
10. Have you ever felt like the disciples must have felt in verse 40? Explain.
11. What consolation and encouragement can you draw from the disciples’ experience?